

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A Japanese letter input device is disclosed.
comprises A direction designation unit 10 includes a stick or pointer 11 movable from center position C0 to any one of 12 circumferentially spaced-apart direction designation positions C1 to C12. Direction designation unit is capable of outputting position data upon detection of a position reached by the pointer 11. A data processing unit 20 selects a particular letter and outputs a code thereof according to a change in the output of the direction designation unit. A memory 21 stores process programs to be executed by the data processing unit. A display unit 30 displays letters outputted by the data processing unit and also other displays concerning the operations of the device. The data processing unit 20 determines a consonant when the pointer 11 is moved from the center position C0 to one of the direction designation positions C1 to C12, selects a vowel when the pointer is then circumferentially moved, and determines and inputs a letter when the pointer is then returned to the center position C0. A determining key 5 may be provided for determining a consonant and a vowel.